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Claims 1-25 were filed in the original application. Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-25 and add new claims 26-46.

A Restriction Requirement was mailed on March 4, 2005. The Examiner alleged in the Restriction Requirement that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species of the claimed invention as listed in claim 5. Specifically, the Examiner required applicants to elect a single disclosed species, for prosecution on the merits, of compositions comprising first and second agents selected from the group consisting of therapeutic agents, biological monitoring agents, biological imaging agents, targeting agents and agents capable of identifying a specific signature of cellular abnormality.¹

Applicants hereby select therapeutic agents. Accordingly, new claims 26-46 are directed toward a dendrimer comprising a therapeutic agent, wherein the dendrimer comprising a therapeutic agent is acetylated. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification, for example, at page 24, line 21 through page 32, line 22, page 66, lines 10-24, and page 68, line 22 through page 70, line 25, among other places.

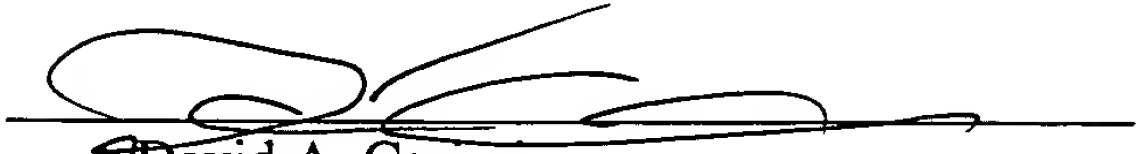
Accompanying this Response is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted in compliance with the duty of disclosure defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make these citations of official record in this application.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-1290.

¹ Restriction Requirement mailed March 4, 2005, page 2, ¶ 2.

Respectfully submitted,

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